

The custom wool rug grounds this cheery retreat.



One of the several outdoor living spaces provides a focal point from the dock, while also serving as a relaxing and comfortable conversation or reading area.



Cool tones in the kitchen set the stage for a variety of colorful textures and custom light fixtures.

An Eye for Design

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When describing interior designer Emily Taft, it's tempting to use the word "passionate" twice.

A native of Vero Beach, Taft excitedly recalls being captivated by nature's beauty at a young age. In her eyes, the world has always appeared as a tapestry of patterns and colors. Eager to start a career in design, she began internships in high school before earning her BS in interior design from Florida State University. From there,

she headed abroad to study art history and perspective design in Italy. By 2004, Emily Taft Interior Design was launched in Atlanta.

When discussing her work, Taft uses words like "invigorating, thrilling, rewarding, and fun." It's clear she appreciates the distinct process of each project.

"I love exploring a client's unique tastes and interests. And it works to our mutual benefit," Taft explains. "When a client knows that I understand their style and vision, it establishes the comfort that allows them to trust my creative process."

While her aesthetic is impeccable, Taft's design style is more about the personalization of each project. Often, she incorporates physical collections or emotional reflections that speak to a homeowner's personality, history, and travels. She taps into the textures, finishes, and materials that create the mood and environment each client can embrace as their own.

With trade connections to virtually every design resource, Taft's new studio serves as a veritable laboratory for design on every scale. From new construction, to renovations and redecoration, Taft can transform a room or an entire residence. She thrives on inspiration from travels and emerging trends while honoring the histories of architecture, culture, and artful living.

Commissioned by appointment only, Taft gives each project her complete attention and full service. She points out that her hands-on involvement from beginning to end means "never having to go through an assistant." She personally works with each client every step of the way to develop the comfortable rapport and enduring trust that make each project mutually rewarding. Her end-goal for every project is clear and she's genuine when she says, "a happy client is the greatest achievement."



A turquoise beaded chandelier against a high glossed pale aqua ceiling centers the glass top and bamboo based table in the dining room.

Taft's work can be seen across the southeast including Texas, North Carolina, Washington, D.C., and Florida. Learn more at EmilyTaftDesign.com.

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